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Subject:
Conduct

Overview:
Effective immediately, the following rule changes will go into effect.

1. Replace Article 1.5 with the following.

1.5. ACCEPTANCE OF RALLY RULES

A. Each organizer or organizing committee that undertakes to organize a national or regional event shall be familiar with these Rules and the rules within the SOM and shall be bound by them.

B. Each participant in a national or regional event shall be familiar with and bound by these Rules. Participation shall constitute evidence of that contestant's acceptance of this provision.

C. Rally America OEM series sponsors or buyers of commercial media rights from Rally America that are also involved in sponsoring a participant team or are media contractors of any participant team in either a national or regional event shall be familiar with and bound by these rules. Supported team participation shall constitute evidence of that sponsor, buyers or contractors acceptance of this provision.

2. Add the following definitions to Article 1.9.

Contestant

Any of the following: a national or regional participant; an OEM sponsor of a participant; a commercial contractor of a participant, or; a commercial contractor of an OEM who is also the sponsor of a participant.

3. Replace the definition of Participant in Article 1.9 with the following.

Participant

Any national or regional competitor holding a current year Rally America competition license, or a crew member supporting a national or regional competitor holding a current year Rally America crew license.

4. Replace Article 8.5.A with the following.

A. Required Conduct

Every contestant shall conduct him or herself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times during a national or regional event in his or her dealings with the public, with other contestants, and with members of the rally committee. At all times all contestants will promote in a positive manner the Rally America National Championship and at no time will any contestant directly or indirectly interfere with the ongoing operations of the Rally America National Championship, its local event organizers operations or the promotion of the Rally America National Championship.

Any person connected with the event (worker, competitor, official, etc.) using alcoholic beverages or controlled substances during the competition portions of the event will be severely disciplined and immediately removed from the event by the Event Chairperson or any Steward.

5. Replace the opening of Article 8.5.C.1 with the following:

1. National Competitors

Any event official, contestant or participant so charged who in Rally America's sole judgment is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or other reprehensible behavior in connection with a national rally event or the Rally America National Championship shall be disciplined by Rally America. Such discipline will be from the range of penalties described in Article 8.2 or as described below as deemed commensurate with the nature and gravity of the offense:

6. Replace the opening of Article 8.5.C.2 with the following:

2. Regional Competitors

Any event official, contestant or participant so charged who in Rally America's sole judgment is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or other reprehensible behavior in connection with a regional rally event or the Rally America National or Regional Championships shall be disciplined by Rally America. Such discipline will be from the range of penalties described in Article 8.2 or as described below as deemed commensurate with the nature and gravity of the offense:

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.